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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Our business - and many others in this rural area- are almost wholly dependent on good internet access just to compete and survive...no one here is making a fortune but opting for quality of life. If our rates were to go up substantially, many of us would be crippled or just out of business. And then, there's the emergency side...as a broadcast outlet, people depend on us to be there through storms, fires, road closures, tsunami warnings, all that. Every time there's a crisis, the first thing to go is the cellular network(s),
We need our copper and we need our broadband, not just to profit but to serve and survive..

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